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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Reto Lerf et al.

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For : OPEN-PORE METAL COATING FOR

JOINT REPLACEMENT IMPLANTS AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION

THEREOF

Examiner : WOLF, MEGAN YARNALL

Art Unit : 3738 Conf No. : 9313

## AMENDMENT

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated 9 December 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following claim amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.